persuading the State Governments to make amendments to their Land Tenancy or Land Reform Acts and Rent Control Acts to enable ex-servicemen to resume possession of their lands and houses on retirement.

In so far as Land Tenancy Laws are concerned the matter was taken up in a conference of Revenue Ministers and Revenue Secretaries of States/Union Territories organised by the Department of Rural Development to make necessary provisions where they do not exist. It is reported that no difficulties are experienced in the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Sikkim.

Regarding Union Territories, necessary provision has been made in the Union Territory of Pondicherry and Lakshadweep. No need has been felt in the case of Andaman & Nicobar islands. As regards Chandigarh, it has been intimated that there is no agricutural land in the Union Territory. No provision exists in the Union Territories of Delhi and Goa, Daman & Diu.

As far as Rent Control Acts are concerned, the matter had been taken up at Chief Minister's level in August '85. Subsequently in July '86 detailed suggestions for amendment to the Rent Control Acts were made to make adequate provisions. The matter was also discussed at the Kendriya Sainik Board meeting held on 10-12-1986 and model amendments to the Rent Control Act have been circulated to the States for taking necessary action. It is reported that there are no problems in the States of Arunachal Pradesh Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Sikkim.

As far as Union Territories are concerned, the Punjab amendment to the Rent Control Legislation has been extended to the Union Territory of Chandigarh. Amendments to the Delhi Rent Control Act are under examination by the Ministry of Urban Development. Necessary provision exists in the Rent Control Legisation of Union Territories of Goa, Daman and Diu and Pondicherry. There is no necessity for making such a provision in Andaman & Nicobar islands, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Lakshadweep.

Since these matters relate to State subjects, model laws cannot be enacted by the Central Government.

— Financial Assistance to New Spinning Mills

2728. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken a decision of not allowing financial assistance to new spinning mills in the country;

(b) if so, the date on which this decision was taken;

(c) whether it is a fact that there are many proposed cooperative spinning mills in the country in general and Maharashtra in particular to whom the letters of offers were given by Government much before this decision;

(d) if so, which are these spinning mills and the dates on which the letters of offers were given and the dates upto which the letters are valid;

(e) what are the specific reasons for denying financial assistance to these spinning mills;

(f) whether Government propose to direct NABARD to give permission to the Maharashtra State Cooperative Bank Ltd. to help the above mills from their resources; and

(g) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) : (a) to (g)

The information is being collected and to the extent available and permissible under the rules will be laid on the Table of the House.

Remuneration of Marathi films and Marathi Film songs

2729. SHRI PRAOMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are proposing to increase the remuneration of Marathi films and Marathi film songs telecast from Bombay Doordarshan has virtually become Maharashtra Doordarshan;

(b) if so what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor when the number of viewers has increased by millions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA) : (a) to (c) The rates for all regional films including those in Marathi telecast from regional stations were revised in July, 1986 with effect from October 1, 1985. At that time due consideration was given to the additional transmitters to be linked with main regional stations for relaying feature films. There is therefore no proposal at present to increase the royalty rates for telecast of Marathi feature films. There is also at present no proposal to increase the rates for telecast of Marathi film songs from DDK, Bombay.

Income tax on GPF withdrawals

2730. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that withdrawals from the General Provident Fund by the Central Government employees are taxable under the category of income;

(b) if so the details in this regard; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Closure of Rajasthan atomic power station

2731. DR. H. P. SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question No. 367 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 6th November, 1986 and state:

(a) what steps have been taken to solve the problems affecting Unit-I of Rajasthan Atomic Power Station and what has been the expenditure incurred hitherto;

(b) whether Government have taken a final decision regarding closure of otherwise of this unit; and

(c) what would be the cost of such decommissioning of this unit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) and (b) A group of experts from the Department of Atomic Energy has examined alternative approaches for rehabilitation of Unit-I of Rajasthan Atomic Power Station. In the short term, sealing the new cracks in the south end shield employing a method similar to the one used earlier appears feasible and may permit operating the unit at a reduced power level. However, there is some uncertainty regarding reliable long term operation with this method. Replacement of both the end shields may be a long term solution for rehabilitation of the unit. The cost benefit aspects of this alternative are being examined. The amount spent